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Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 16, 2003 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. A method for producing nitrogen using a pressure swing adsorption (PSA) method with air as a raw material, comprising:

having the air contact with an adsorbent that comprises a carbon molecular sieve